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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Taruo Kaneko

Serial No.: 09/987,459

Group Art Unit: 2874

Filed: November 14, 2001

Examiner: Wong, Eric K.

For: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRADING WITH OPTICAL INPUT AND OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS SETTABLE TO DESIRED VALUES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.